

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PBOR, PLOS, LY, TS  
SUBJ: LIBYAN OFFSHORE CONCESSION AREAS

REF: (A) STATE 075485 7NOTAL), (B) 76 TRIPOLI 0748 (NOTAL)

1. MAP, DATED MARCH 1977, WITH DELINEATION ALL LIBYAN CONCESSION AREAS FORWARDED TO DEPT AS ENCLOSURE TO TRIPOLI A-12. COPIES NORTH AND WEST BOUNDARIES LIBYAN OFFSHORE CONCESSIONS POUCHED INFO ADDRESSEES APRIL 8. MAP WAS ISSUED BY COMPONENT OF LIBYAEN NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (NOC). IT IS UELIEVEDHO REPRESENT CURRENT FULL EXTENT OF LIBYAN CLAIMS ON THE NORTH AND WEST MARGINS OF LIBYAN SHELF. MAP ALSO CONTAINS A DELINEATION OF CURRENT LIBYAN CLAIMS OF TERRITORY ON THE BORDERS WITH ALGERIA, NIGER, AND CHAD.

2. SO FAR AS WE AWARE, LIBYANS HAVE NEVER CLEARLY SPECIFIED CLAIMS TO CONTINENTAL SHELF. NEITHER WE NOR OTHER INTERESTED SMBASSIES (U.K., FRG, ANE ITALY) HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ELICIT A MORE PRECISE DEFINITION OF LIBYAN CLAIMS, AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE, FROM LIBYAN GOVERNMENT.

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3. COORDINATES NORTH AND WEST MARGINS OF LIBYAN CONCESSION AREAS FOLLOW STRAIGHT LINE FROM LIBYAN-TUNISIAN LAND BORDER TO 35 DEGREES 33 MINUTES N, 12 DEGREES 57 MINUTES E; THEN STRAIGHT LINES TO FOLLOWING POINTS: 35 DEGREES 40 MINUTES N, 12 DEGREES 54 MINUTES E; 35 DEGREES 40 MINUTES N, 13 DEGREES 0 MINUTES E; 35 DEGREES 45 MINUTES N, 13

DEGREES 8 MINUTES E, 35 DEGREES 17 MINUTES N, 13ZS  
DEGREES 23 MINUTES E.

4. CONCESSION AREAS WITHIN THESE NORTH AND WEST  
MARGINS ARE: NOC 76 (HELD BY NOC), NOC 137 (HELD  
BY NOC/AQUITAINE GROUP) - SEE REFTEL (B) FOR FURTHER  
INFORMATION,SSNOC 41 (HELD BY NOC/AGIP), NOC 53  
(HELD BY NOC/TOTAL). ACCORDING OUR CALCULATIONS,  
LATTER (TOTAL) PWNCESSION IS IN AN AREA CLAIMED BY  
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SSIA, ITALY AND MALTA, AS WELL AS BY LIBYA.

5. FOR TUNIS: APPRECIATE MAP OF TUNISIAN CONCESSION  
AREAS.  
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